



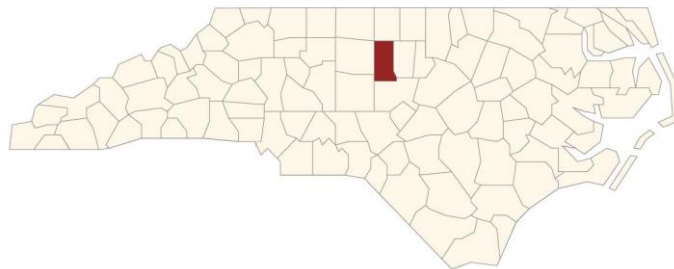
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Alamance County

Alamance County received more than \$180 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Alamance County total.



Pell Grant Awards:
5,203



Small Business Jobs:
205

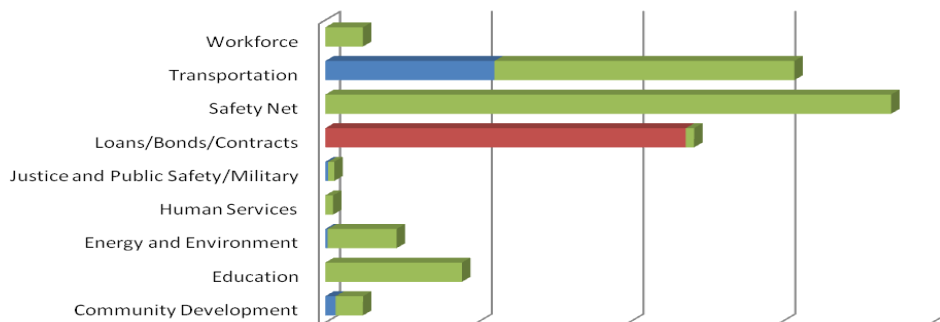


Appliances rebated:
346



Family homes financed:
84

Alamance County Totals



Alamance County,
pop 151,131 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:
Grants: \$134,795,136.97
Loans: \$18,414,278.98
Bond: \$29,106,202.29

Total: \$182,315,618.24



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Alamance County schools received \$24 million in education funding, including \$5 million in Special Education funds, \$3 million in Title I funds, \$12.3 million in SFSF funds, \$2 million in Race to the Top funding and received an \$8.3 million bond allocation.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

Alamance County institutions had 5,203 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$8.8 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Alamance County, 84 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$11 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the

program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Alamance County retailers sold 346 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Alamance County 14 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth almost \$5 million. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 187 jobs. Additionally, the USDA Business and Industry Program provided 2 loans to a small business, worth more than \$1 million dollars that saved or created 18 jobs.



Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

In Alamance County, \$13,574 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Alamance County, car dealers sold 356 cars worth almost \$8 million through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Alamance County, the City of Burlington, the Town of Haw River, and Family Abuse Services of Alamance County received more than \$465,000 in Justice Assistance Grants.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Alamance County, 8 water and sewer grants were awarded, totally more than \$4 million.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Alamance County, Alamance Community College, received an SEP grant of \$339,276 to fund 40 interns. These positions offer real-world practice of classroom knowledge and support for the Green Technology Certificate Program, a 12 credit-hour program to train a green workforce. Elon University received an SEP grant of \$200,000 for solar thermal systems to be installed at Elon University to produce approximately 4,500 gallons of hot water per day for four buildings on campus. The Town of Graham receive an EECBG grant worth \$102,553 to upgrade lighting, add programmable thermostats, weatherize and install room occupancy sensors in public buildings. The Burlington Downtown Corporation received an SEP grant worth \$101,794 for energy efficiency initiatives in 12 buildings in downtown Burlington.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Alamance County residents received more than \$57 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$6.7 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$7 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Alamance County Feature Story

Alamance County Builds for the future of Education with Recovery Bonds

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act placed a special emphasis on infrastructure projects as a way to immediately impact jobs in the engineering and construction sectors, and as a way to make important, lasting impact in communities. There were several mechanisms for this type of investment; additional funding for the USDA's Community Facilities program, additional funding for water and sewer programs in states, special competitive grant programs for high-demand bridge and road projects, and a historic high-speed rail program to connect large metropolitan areas, to name a few.



The Recovery Act also established several new bond programs with zero or very low interest to allow state, local, and private entities to design construction and renovation projects at the ground level where these projects would have the most impact on a local economy. These bond programs gave the green light to many long-awaited projects across the state, including the development of new libraries, hospital facilities, recreational facilities, the construction of new schools, highways, water systems, and improvements to a host of critical infrastructure. North Carolina entities used more than \$3 billion in Recovery Act bond capacity.

The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, provided \$24.8 billion in bond authority to states and local governments for school infrastructure through two primary programs: a new Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) program and the expansion of the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs) program. These are zero-interest, tax credit bond programs to provide a significant cost savings to school districts for construction and improvements. The Qualified School Construction Bond program provides Local Education Authorities with a method of funding construction/ repair/renovation of public school facilities or for land acquisition for a public school facility.



Alamance used \$18 million in QSCB availability to design and build a new 40,000 square-foot facility called the Career and Technical Education Center. The new school to be built next to Andrews Elementary School in Burlington, will hold technical education classes for Alamance County high school students. These classes will include new courses like network administration, and scientific and technical visualization, mechanical engineering, culinary arts, video gaming, digital media and video production.

The Career and Technical Education Center is an attempt to consolidate various specialty courses currently available in the Alamance County school system into a single facility. Around 1,000 students will attend the school once the facility is opened, with 250 students transported in from around the system for each class block.

The main lobby is designed as a cyber café for students to plug in their smartphones, laptops, and other mobile devices. The Center will also have a teleconferencing capability for online courses, and students will be able to take classes through the statewide magnet school from the North Carolina School for Science and Math. The center will also contain labs for each of its classes. Two of the labs are a large kitchen area for the culinary arts class and a multiple bay garage for the mechanics class.

The Career and Technical Education Center is projected to be ready for classes in early 2012.

Appendix, Alamance County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$15,506,202.29	
		Alamance County	P			\$2,900,000.00	
		Burlington	P			\$10,700,000.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$1,575,500.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Alamance Community College	P				
		Elon University	P				
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Alamance, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$1,035,979.70	\$0.00	
Corporation for National and Community Service	Volunteers in Service to America	Elon University	P	\$25,500.00		\$0.00	\$25,500.00
Department of Agriculture	Business and Industry Loans	Various	L			\$1,100,000.00	
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$8,305,226.67		
Department of Education	Federal Work-Study Program	Elon University	P	\$88,729.00		\$0.00	\$88,729.00
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Alley, Williams, Carmen & King Inc	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$20,000.00
		Burlington, City Of	P	\$223,900.00		\$0.00	\$80,963.00
		Facility Dude	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$4,555.00

		Graham, City Of	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$102,553.00
		Piedmont Triad Council Of Governments	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$18,350.00
		Sjsa Holdings Llc	S	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$104,587.00
	Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons	Alamance County Community Services	S	\$0.00	\$2,243,430.00	\$0.00	
Department of Health and Human Services	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Alamance County Community Services	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Alamance Co Meals On Wheels	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Community Development Block Grants - Entitlement	Burlington, City Of	P	\$117,446.00		\$0.00	\$117,446.00
	Community Development Block Grants - State HI	Alamance, Village Of	S	\$0.00	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	
	Homelessness Prevention and Rapid ReHousing Program	United Way Of Alamance County, North Carolina, Inc., The	S	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	
	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Burlington Housing Authority	P	\$875,972.00		\$0.00	\$875,972.00
		Colmar Contracting, Inc	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$852,894.77
		Graham Housing	P	\$331,993.00		\$0.00	\$331,993.00

		Authority Inc				
		Lowe's	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,077.23
Department of Justice	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Alamance, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67,307.00
		Audio Data Systems Inc	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,090.00
		Auto Trim Design Of Durham, Inc.	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,049.99
		Best Western Inn & Suites	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
		Brown Shoe Company, Dbal/ Factory Brand Shoes	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,375.22
		Burlington, City Of	P	\$385,791.00	\$0.00	\$238,581.00
		Camcor Inc.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.18
		Capital Ford Inc.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170,255.34
			SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,806.64
		Commonwealt h Radio Services	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,543.23
		Creative Product Sourcing, Inc.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$278.85
		CSM Video Productions, LLC	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$693.75
		Dell Marketing, LP	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,025.68
		Graham, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53,018.00

	Ilderton Chrysler Dodge Jeep	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,828.00
	Innovative Signs & Graphics	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,505.70
	Ivars	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$632.50
	L-3 Communications Mobile Vision	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,790.00
	Lawmen's Safety Supply Inc	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,905.60
	Mebane, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,885.00
	Motorola Inc.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,615.90
	Nationwide Life Insurance Co	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
	Newton's Fire And Safety	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$932.36
	Office Depot	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,693.20
	Paradise Printers, Inc.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,526.08
	PIP Printing	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$720.42
	Shaw Food Services	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,732.40
	Smith Trophy	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$670.00
	Sunbelt Rental Co.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71.76
	The Home Depot Co.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$203.07
	Wal-Mart	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$356.37
	Western Steakhouse Restaraunt	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,162.08
Recovery Act - Eward Byrne	Haw River Town Hall	S	\$0.00	\$14,800.00	\$0.00

Memorial
Justice
Assistance Grant
(JAG) Program/
Grants to States
and Territories

				\$0.00	\$14,800.00	\$0.00
	Recovery Act - State Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program	Family Abuse Services Of Alamance County, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$49,690.00	\$0.00
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$59,301,434.58	
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	Burlington, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	\$0.00
		Graham, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$791,792.00	\$0.00
		Mebane, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$192,225.00	\$0.00
	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Alamance, Village Of	S	\$0.00	\$579,963.00	\$0.00
		Burlington, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$141,286.00	\$0.00
		Elon, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$326,004.00	\$0.00
		Graham, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$160,996.00	\$0.00
		Green Level, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$1,890,360.00	\$0.00
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	Als Of North Carolina, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00
				\$0.00		\$0.00
		Burlington, City Of	S	\$0.00		\$0.00
		Elon, Town Of	S	\$0.00		\$0.00
						\$317,507.40
						\$50,000.00
						\$100,000.00

	HNTB North Carolina, P.C.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,636.83
	North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$1,897,335.00	\$0.00	\$1,897,335.00
			\$4,416,766.00	\$0.00	\$4,416,766.00
			\$120,000.00	\$0.00	\$120,000.00
			\$413,272.00	\$0.00	\$413,272.00
			\$53,894.00	\$0.00	-\$46,106.00
			\$25,611.00	\$0.00	-\$24,389.00
			\$13,386,283.00	\$0.00	\$13,386,283.00
			\$1,811,017.00	\$0.00	\$1,811,017.00
			\$67,999.00	\$0.00	\$67,999.00
			\$52,463.00	\$0.00	\$52,463.00
			\$53,208.00	\$0.00	\$53,208.00
	S.T. Wooten Corporation	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,831,192.90
			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,073,646.17
			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,665,292.10
		SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Staniel Key Landscaping	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$94,017.56
			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,392.18
	Turner Asphalt, Inc.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Yates Construction Company, Inc.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,940,082.07
			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,463.00
			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53,208.00

Federal Transit Administration	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Alamance County Transportaion Authority	S	\$0.00	\$145,413.00	\$0.00
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P		\$56,355.97	\$0.00
National Energy Technology Laboratory	State Energy Program	Alamance Community College	S	\$0.00	\$339,276.00	\$0.00
		Burlington Downtown Corp	S	\$0.00	\$101,794.00	\$0.00
		Elon University	S	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education for Homeless Children and Youth, Recovery Act	Alamance, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$42,941.00	\$0.00
	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Alamance, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$77,599.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Alamance Community College	S	\$0.00	\$745,627.96	\$0.00
		Alamance, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$11,138,531.00	\$0.00
		Clover Garden Charter Sch	S	\$0.00	\$244,852.00	\$0.00
		Hawbridge School, The	S	\$0.00	\$42,525.00	\$0.00
		River Mill Charter School	S	\$0.00	\$293,066.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive	Alamance, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$2,051,453.00	\$0.00

	Grants, Recovery Act					
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Alamance, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$3,147,957.00	\$0.00
		Clover Garden Charter Sch	S	\$0.00	\$19,217.00	\$0.00
		River Mill Charter School	S	\$0.00	\$21,814.00	\$0.00
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Alamance, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$186,657.00	\$0.00
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Alamance, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$4,738,060.72	\$0.00
		Clover Garden Charter Sch	S	\$0.00	\$97,332.46	\$0.00
		Hawbridge School, The	S	\$0.00	\$18,585.46	\$0.00
		River Mill Charter School	S	\$0.00	\$105,052.00	\$0.00
Small Business Administration	Loans	Bill R. Maness	L			\$50,000.00
		Cox Motors N.C. Inc.	L			\$1,958,000.00
		Dennis Ross	L			\$45,000.00
		Flyleaf Books LLC	L			\$350,000.00
		Mellow Mushroom Of Burlington	L			\$2,000,000.00
		New Life Plastic Recycling, In	L			\$35,000.00
		Om Aryan Inc.	L			\$250,000.00

		Professional Insurance Consult	L			\$670,000.00		
		Pure Seal LLC	L			\$575,000.00		
		Spoonflower Inc	L			\$318,800.00		
		Technostalgia Inc.	L			\$573,000.00		
		The Wireless Solution, Inc.	L			\$50,000.00		
		West Burlington Wine Company	L			\$200,000.00		
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P			\$6,988,000.00		
USDA	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$11,339,478.98		
Grand Total					\$24,347,179.00	\$108,890,596.51	\$48,620,481.27	\$42,752,556.53

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.